

## COOK INLET TO NOME

### RAILWAY ROUTE SAID TO OFFER INDUCEMENTS TO CAPITAL.

#### Capt. Herron Describes Conditions in Alaska and Suggests Narrow-Gauge Road.

"For men of capital who dare to use it there is no better investment awaiting them than the construction of a narrow-gauge, single-track railroad from Cook Inlet, Alaska, to Nome," said Capt. Joseph S. Herron, 21 United States Cavalry, today to a reporter of The Star at the New Willard. The War Department rates Captain Herron among the most daring and successful of the many men in the United States service who have explored that country since it became a part of the public domain. It was Captain Herron's duty in the summer and winter of 1890 to find an all-American route into the center of Alaska from the open harbor of Cook Inlet. Receiving no tidings of the expedition for two months the War Department had about given up, as it was believed that the snow and ice of that inhospitable region, when, December 11, a party of men wrapped in tattered blankets, and with feet bleeding and bodies emaciated, tottered into the ramparts of Fort Gibbon and declared their identity.

Among those who believe Alaska has a great mining and commercial future," continued Captain Herron, "hence the necessity of the construction of the railroad to the interior. Rich as our island possessions are in commercial possibilities, I believe that Alaska is the most valuable of all our foreign acquisitions. Much has been written of late in the daily press and the magazines relative to the building of a railroad from Valdez, Alaska, to Eagle City. There are many who believe that mining interests at the last-named point to justify, in my opinion, the construction of the road to it. The surface indications are that the object of the construction is to find the copper fields at Copper Center. But even if the proposed road were built to that city, it would not be a success. It would be gained? Passengers and freighters would still be 1,000 miles from Cape Nome and St. Michael and only on the outer edge of Alaska. Furthermore, miners and others who happened to land at Eagle City would still be compelled to transport themselves and their supplies across the ice and snow to Dawson, where the mines are located, a distance of ninety miles, and would be compelled to pay tribute to Canadian custom. It would be necessary for Eagle City to Dawson would be accomplished by steamboats in summer and by horse or horse teams hitched to sleds in winter.

#### Would Begin at Kustanaut.

"Were I to construct a railroad in Alaska I would break ground in the vicinity of Kustanaut, Cook Inlet. Thence I would run the line to Tyoonok, and from that point proceed across the country to the Kechikan valley, piercing the Alaskan range through Simpson Pass. Once through the range I would run it in a northwesterly direction until I reached the Yukon. I am informed that railroad surveys have already been made from Nulato to Nome City. Plenty of timber for bridges, fuel, and other necessities would be found along the line. From personal observation I can say that there are no remarkable features to overcome. The construction of such a road would not be complicated, as the solid rocks on mountain sides half of the way, as was the case in building the White Pass and Yukon route. The road would be comparatively little to do in the way of making cuts and fills. While the named road was built at an enormous cost—\$2,000,000—the cost of the proposed road is estimated to be only \$1,000,000. The season is officially reported to have expended \$1,000,000, while its operating expenses were only \$1,000,000.

"Now, this is what the proposed Cook Inlet-Nome railroad would be expected to accomplish. First, it would handle all the trade and passenger traffic to and from the growing settlements and mines already established at Nome. Second, it would open up the interior and settlement of the vast Kuskokwim region, the largest and most fertile region in Alaska, and still untouched except by a few explorers and prospectors. Gold and silver strikes have already been found within its boundaries, and its timber resources and agricultural prospects are boundless. It would control all the freight and passenger traffic of the Nome region.

#### Nome's Prospects.

Nome equals, and will probably exceed, in mineral riches, the famous Klondike. Rich finds of silver, gold and lead have been discovered on the numerous creeks for miles around. The Yukon, with its seven miles in length, carries an average of seven million tons of gold and silver in its annual run. The inhabitants from Nome and the creeks in the recently discovered mineral region would not only be furnished with the necessities of life, but they would have the year round at greatly reduced prices. If such a road as I have outlined should be built, by tapping the rich Kuskokwim bridges, the Yukon, and had come down to the river of that name, the second largest in Alaska, and navigable for 600 miles.

"It will be seen, then, that there is a

association has opened an account with a small bank in order to credit, and the same will be used exclusively for the national purposes in defraying expenses in furthering the cause for justice. We hope that every president, secretary and agent will heed this appeal. Send all moneys here to the regularly elected supreme national treasurer on or before April 30, 1903.

Done by order of the Supreme Council, etc., J. W. Clift, national president; Callie D. House, national secretary; J. L. Jackson, assistant national secretary; R. E. Gilchrist, board of incorporators, District of Columbia; A. Conley, supreme national departmental promoter; and A. W. Rodgers, national inspector. Attest: I. H. Dickerson, supreme national promoter, manager and treasurer.

## GOODWIN WAS A DEFAULTER.

### So Say Members of Firm of Cassatt & Co., Whom He Represented.

A Philadelphia special says: Members of the firm of Cassatt & Co., bankers and brokers, charge that Howard T. Goodwin, confidential man of the house, who committed suicide recently in his office, was a defaulter.

John Lloyd, the firm's manager, is authority for the statement that proceedings are to be instituted against broker firms with which Goodwin had dealings. Mr. Lloyd said:

"The investigation that we have been making has disclosed that Goodwin's books were falsified, and that he was a defaulter. We have not completed our investigation, and the matter is in the hands of our counsel."

The amount of Goodwin's stock dealings and investments has been estimated as high as \$1,000,000. The power of attorney to sign for the firm, and was in a position to involve it largely in his operations.

An investigation of Goodwin's dealings elicited the fact that he had made heavy purchases of Consolidated Lake Superior stock, and that he had invested in a Philadelphia and Arizona mining company.

It is reported that he had dealt extensively in securities of the Southern Railway Company of America, and that he was a stockholder in the Marcellus Carved Molding Company.

Investigators have gone into his dealings with each of the concerns with which he had business transactions, and it is reported that he had secured the suits about to be started are based.

## NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

### Senate Action Upon Presidential Selections.

The following nominations were confirmed yesterday by the Senate:

Willis Van Dusen, Wyoming, United States circuit judge for the eighth judicial circuit; Vivian J. Fagin, marshal for the district of Columbia; John P. McDonough, New York, associate justice of the supreme court of the Philippine Islands.

United States attorneys—John J. Boyce, district of Alaska; M. C. Elstner, western district of Louisiana; William B. Sheppard, northern district of Florida.

Appraiser of merchandise—A. S. Badger, district of New Orleans, La.

Inspector of Customs—Amor Smith, Jr., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Capt. John R. Bartlett, United States navy (retired), to be rear admiral on the retired list.

Postmasters: Alabama, S. H. Morris; West Virginia, Idaho, Dora C. Hill; Shoshone, Indiana, S. S. Hall; Arizona, Michigan, Charles Bidwell; Texas, William D. Rathjen, Canadian; William A. Stoner, Waco, Iowa; E. W. McCracken, Scranton.

## CONTEST OF ENDURANCE.

### Mr. Morgan Addressed the Senate for Over Three Hours.

The Senate spent three and one-half hours in executive session yesterday afternoon, listening nearly all the time to a continuation of Senator Morgan's speech against the Panama canal treaty. At the close of the day's session a vote was taken at Senator Morgan's request on his resolution requesting an inquiry into the credentials of Tomas Herran, who represented the Colombian government in negotiating the treaty, and also suggested the irregularity of the Colombian government. The resolution was defeated, 13 to 20.

There were two calls for a quorum during the session, but senators responded readily, showing that while they were not present in the executive chamber, they were in the nearby committee rooms. Senator Morgan spoke principally on his resolution, and had the clerk read long reports on it.

The committee on the Panama canal treaty, a minority of the committee on intercommerce.

After the vote was taken on the resolution Senator Cullum moved that the Senate adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock today, saying that he would speak at the sessions he considered the right and until a vote was taken on the treaty.

## Coming to Washington.

Lieutenant Colonel Wm. H. Conneys, deputy paymaster general, now on leave of absence in New York city, has been ordered to this city and report in person to the paymaster general for temporary duty.

He had gone he felt like a father to her. In that position he had been before his boy turned his back upon the south and broke his father's heart. Ah, many a day had the man mourned, and the light shined at the ships, thinking of that lad who had gone away! General Peyton had loved Beverly Annan, too, for his father's and sister's sake as well as for his own, and it had grieved him sorely that the bright-faced, proud-hearted young lad should be stricken down.

"How is he?" cried the girl as soon as she saw the general.

The old man shook his head mournfully.

"There's no chance; no hope."

"My dear," he said, taking her hand in both his hands, "you are a soldier's sweetheart, and you must be a soldier's daughter."

"He is giving his life for the south and that flag," he added, lifting his hat as he looked up at the old man quickly.

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